

TECHNIQUE FOR SECURE REMOTE CONFIGURATION OF A SYSTEM

Abstract of the Disclosure

After a processor-controlled system having  
5 communications capabilities is delivered to a user in its  
generic configuration, customization of the system is  
realized in accordance with the invention by downloading  
thereto selected information objects, e.g., software  
components and/or data, from a server. To avoid  
10 unauthorized downloading of the selected information  
objects, certain information in a request for the objects  
by the system to the server is encrypted and/or  
cryptographically signed. Such information may be, e.g.,  
a serial number identifying the system. If the server  
15 succeeds in decrypting the encrypted information and/or  
authenticating the digital signature, and thereby  
verifies the identity and legitimacy of the system, the  
server downloads the selected information objects to  
realize the customization.